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What It's Like to be an Agent of the Matrix

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><br> I was installed on December 29th, 2084.

> I think that makes me a Capricorn.<br> My name is John Smith. I am an agent of the Matrix.

> <br> I hate my job.

> Sure it has neat perks. I have superhuman strength and I can dodge bullets.<br> But I feel that really only distances me from those I'm programmed to protect.

> The only part I really like is when I get to take someone's mouth away when he asks for his one phone call.<br> Is that wrong? Should I not enjoy that as much as I do?

> Maybe I have issues. Maybe I have low self esteem.<br> Maybe it's because I live in constant fear of being upgraded.

> Being upgraded is kind of like being downsized.<br> Except that you still have to go to work tomorrow morning.

> I don't know if that makes too much sense.<br> A couple years ago I thought about not going to work one morning.

> If I timed it right, I'd never have to go to work again.<br> Because work would have been blown up by terrorists.

> But then everyone would be really mad at me.<br> Maybe I'm a coward. Maybe I don't have the strength of character to effect real change in my life.

> If I did, I would take that day off, or at least an occasional coffee break.<br>

> If I had a day off, I would go try to meet some women.<br> I wonder if they would find me attractive

> Or if they would hold it against me that I'm not real.<br> I'm an authority figure, and I look good in a suit.

> People tell me I look like Tommy Lee Jones.<br> I think women like those things.

> I'm not so sure they'd be impressed that I can calculate PI to 3 billion decimal places.<br> Maybe I'll just keep that to myself for a while.  
> <br> I know what you're thinking. You want my job.  
> You think I'm whining, that I don't appreciate the ability to dodge bullets and cheat death.<br> Well that's just the glamour part of my job.  
> In my free time I solve 5th degree differential equations<br> And work on improving the efficiency of semiconductor production.  
> Last week I finally got access to the floating point coprocessor.<br> That was the high point of my career.  
> Imagine that you cleaned horse stables for a living<br> And last week they finally gave you a shovel.  
> That's kind of how I felt.<br> I have no opportunities for promotion.  
> I can't leave the company to start my own business.<br> I'm pretty much stuck.  
> <br> This is my life.  
> My name is John Smith.<br> I am an agent of the Matrix.  
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